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## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to the use of metabotropic glutamate receptor 5 antagonists for the inhibition of transient lower esophageal sphincter relaxations. A further aspect of the invention is directed to the use of metabotropic glutamate receptor 5 antagonists for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease, as well as for the treatment of regurgitation and asthma.